### **OUR MISSION**

#### VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

provides mentoring, emotional support and job training, in order to successfully support young adults (16-25) returning home from incarceration.

#### **WHAT WE PROVIDE**

- Mentoring
- **Restorative Justice Circles**
- **Community Building Circles**
- Community Engagement
- **Job Training**
- **Emotional Support**
- **Community Support**
- **Community Partnering**



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**REDUCING RECIDIVISM RESTORING COMMUNITIES** 

### WHO WE ARE

We are returning citizens, mentors, professionals, Restorative Justice facilitators/practitioners, and circle keepers. Our lived experience and successful reintegration allow us to reach and impact young men who have been affected and traumatized by crime, fatherlessness, poverty, etc.



#### **LED BY RETURNING CITIZENS**

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THOMAS KOONCE REENTRY PROGRAM MANAGER



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### WHY THIS MATTERS

We understand the importance of providing education, job training, emotional support, community-based programs, and mentoring to returning citizens in order to reduce their likelihood of reoffending.

# Community is key A study by the Urban Institute found that community-based programs reduced recidivism rates by

up to 30%.

# We do better together A study by the Center for Court Innovation found that mentoring programs reduced recidivism rates by up to 22%.

## Community engamement Studies have found that participants in a job training program were 20% less likely to reoffend